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JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

 RP FOR MOGANSON, NEA/PAB FOR MURPHY, AID FOR FFP
 AND ASIA/PNS

 E.O. 12065 N/A
 TAGS: SREF, PK, EAID, WFP
 SUBJECT: FOOD AID FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

REF: STATES 310664

1. REFTEL DIRECTED THAT EMBASSY EXPLORE WITH GOP POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES. EMBASSY IS PAINFULLY AWARE OF THE DEFICIENCIES IN WFP OPERATION IN PAKISTAN, BUT WE WONDER IF ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE POLITICAL AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT OF DECISION TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES ON BILATERAL BASIS. AS SEEN FROM HERE, AN UMBRELLA UNDERSCORES RESPONSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR REFUGEES AS WELL AS BRUTALITY OF SOVIET AGGRESSION IN AFGHANISTAN. BILATERAL PROGRAM COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, HAMPER OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER DONORS AND GIVE DRA AND USSR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY DPO ALLEGE THAT AFGHAN INSURGENCY IS AMERICAN INSTIGATED EFFORT. BILATERAL PROGRAM ALSO HAS

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SIGNIFICANT PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS AS PRESENT

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EMBASSY AND AID STAFFING WOULD NOT PERMIT MONITORING AND MANAGERIAL EFFORT REQUIRED TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED USE OF (*) COMMODITIES. WE CONSIDER THE THREAT OF BILATERAL PROGRAM MIGHT BE USEFUL IN FORCING WFP TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF ITS PERSONNEL IN PAKISTAN, BUT DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD MOVE AGGRESSIVELY AHEAD ON THIS ISSUE UNTIL POLITICAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS OF BILATERAL PROGRAM HAVE BEEN WEIGHED MORE CAREFULLY.

2. EMBASSY/AID WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER. SPIERS

NOTE BY OC/T: (*) POSSIBLE OMISSION IN TEXT. CORRECTION TO FOLLOW

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